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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

Third annual conference of State and Territorial health officers with the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.

In accordance with the call issued March 31, 1905 (see Public Health Reports, April 7, 1905), this conference convened at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, at 10 a. m., May 15, 1905. Twenty-two delegates, representing as many States and Territories, were in attendance. Interesting discussions were held upon the national control of leprosy, upon the methods of the spread of typhoid fever, and upon car sanitation.

Prior to the adjournment of the conference, Dr. Edmond Souchon, of New Orleans, introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Doctor Healy, and adopted by the conference:

Whereas the eradication of plague from California through the united and harmonious efforts of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, State and local boards of health, by means of rat extermination and extensive sanitary improvements throughout the affected area, is an accomplished fact: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this conference of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service with the State boards of health expresses its entire satisfaction with the methods used and the results obtained.

A full report of the transactions of the conference is in course of preparation.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY REPORTS.

Status and progress of epidemics.

Asiatic cholera.—The area occupied by cholera has not changed since the last summary was prepared of the epidemic status of that disease. In March it was declared in the Dutch East Indies that cholera had ceased to prevail in epidemic form in the Celebes, a fact interesting because of the proximity of the Philippines, free from cholera since March, 1904, to the Celebes, at whose ports packet boats call and which are on a direct trade route between Singapore and Europe.

Yellow fever.—Reports do not indicate that this disease has appeared in any new area. It is not present in any place north of Central